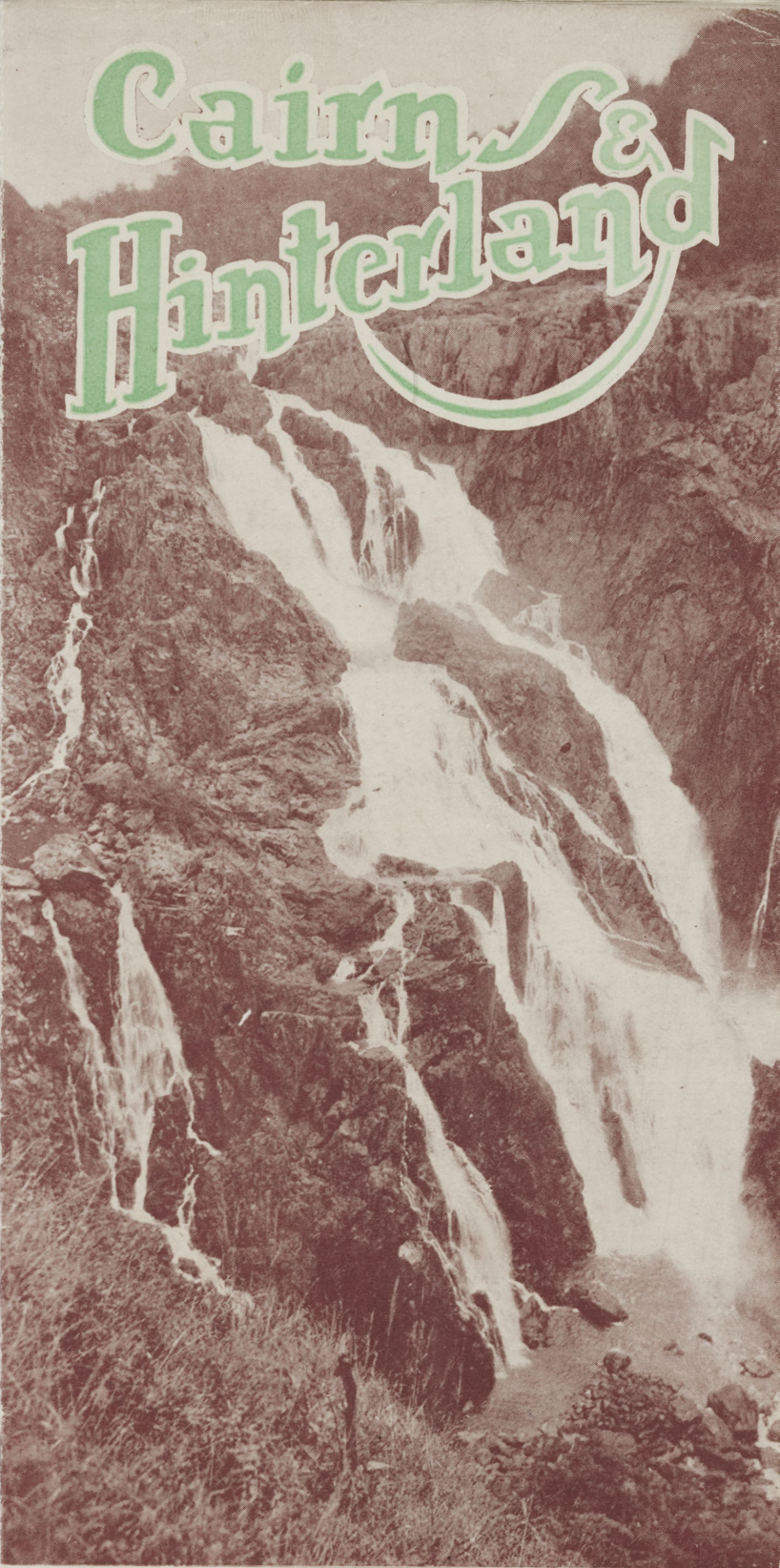


Cairns & Hinterland



QUEENSLAND



CAIRNS

WITH the name of Cairns is woven the brilliant tapestry of shimmering seas, cloudless skies, mountains, canefields, sugar mills, rivers, gorges, cataracts, jungle, and crater lakes. It conjures up memories of unique experiences in a region where climate, scenery, industry, and community characteristics combine to produce the magic that is North Queensland. Situated 1,043 miles by rail north of Brisbane, the young but vigorous city of Cairns is the port for a wonderfully rich hinterland and the pivot for radiating tours along the littoral and into the interior. It is brought within forty-eight hours' journey of the Queensland capital by a thrice weekly service of modern express trains, replete with first and second class sitting and sleeping cars, a lounge car, and, for a portion of the journey, a dining car.

For those who prefer the sea route, there is a weekly interstate service of modern vessels and, during the winter season, a special sailing schedule for tourists, permitting breaks at intermediate ports and visits to such attractive places as Palm and Magnetic Islands and Hinchinbrook Channel, also sufficient time at Cairns for a trip embracing the principal tourist resorts in the district.

Cairns is a progressive city with a population of 10,000. It offers visitors accommodation, service, and entertainment of an unexpectedly good standard and is singularly fortunate in numbering amongst its municipal services a reticulated water supply, so pure and bountiful that it is the envy of many larger centres of population.

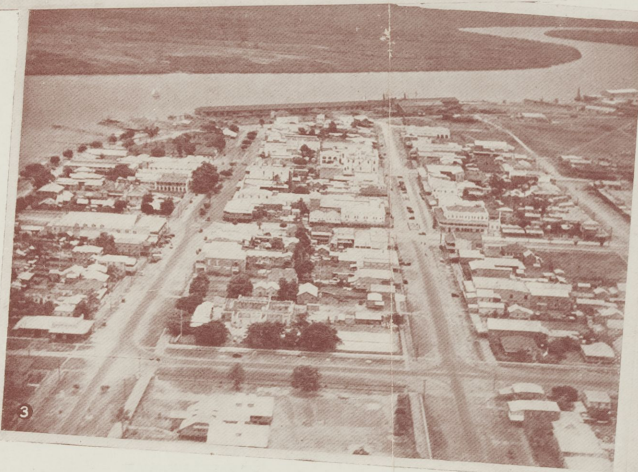
Seaward, the city is bounded by the peaceful waters of Trinity Bay. Behind, the seemingly interminable canefields spread to the distant foothills and enclose the silver thread of the Barron River in a beautiful emerald setting. For miles to the south there is a succession of canefields, sugar mills, and jungle, interspersed with many mountain streams and flanked by a majestic range that lifts Bartle Frere, its crowning peak, into the clouds at 5,287 ft., near Babinda.

Cairns offers the visitor the recreations of swimming, tennis, golf, and bowls. The cinema theatres are architecturally suited to a tropical climate. The carnival spirit is fostered by dinner dances at the leading hotels. The principal scenic attractions include the Crystal Cascades, a delightful spot accessible by motor car along the path of a fast-moving mountain stream; Green Island, a part of the Barrier Reef reached by launch and suitable for day trips or camping holidays; Gordonvale, a trip by rail or road motor car through typical sugar lands, including an inspection of the Mulgrave Central Sugar Mill; the Cook Highway, a delightful coastal trip northwards to Mossman and Port Douglas; Innisfail and Paronella Park along the southern littoral to the heart of the sugar country; also Barron Crossing, Reservoir, Double Island, and Yorkie's Knob—all short road motor excursions.

A visit to North Queensland makes clear the real meaning of the slogan "Cairns before Colombo." Here in Australia is the glamour and radiance of the East. The similarity of scenery and atmosphere and the vivid contrasts of light and colour are remarkable. They provide the elusive charm and unique appeal of Cairns and the Hinterland.

Aerial View of Lower Barron Valley, showing Sugar Farms.





1. "Fairland," Tropical Garden, Kuranda.
3. Aerial View of Cairns.

4. Barron Gorge, from Stony Creek Falls.

2. Mirror Pool, Crystal Cascades, near Cairns.
5. Gillies' Range Road.



Barron Gorge from the Air, showing Railway and River.

THE HINTERLAND



Yungaburra and Malanda

An extraordinary topographical feature is the dry belt of forest country which separates the rich jungle lands at Kuranda from the fertile Tableland. The impression of barrenness, however, is quickly dispelled as the visitor continues his rail journey and approaches Tolga Junction. Then the country becomes a plateau of spreading maize fields, red roads, darkly tangled jungle, and rich dairying lands.

The visitor, assuming that his visit be brief, will travel from Kuranda to Yungaburra (54 miles), Malanda (62 miles), or Atherton (47 miles), and make one of these centres his headquarters on the Tableland. All are situated at an altitude of more than 2,000 ft., and offer modern hotel accommodation with service suitable for tourists. The principal sights are readily accessible either by train or road motor car.



From Governor Goodwin's Lookout, The Maze, Kuranda.

Barron Gorge



BEAUTIFUL as they are, the environs of Cairns are but the portals to the scenic splendours of the Hinterland. The visitor who accepts guidance will certainly include in his itinerary a visit to Kuranda and Atherton Tableland.

Kuranda (1,077 ft.) is situated 21 miles from Cairns. The railway route passes through several miles of cane farms and suddenly rises near Redlynch, preparatory to entering Barron Gorge. It then becomes a scenic railway, rising ever higher as it passes through the famous Gorge, to emerge finally at Barron Falls.

The exhilaration of this journey will thrill even the hardened traveller. The ingenuity of the engineer has been used to a remarkable degree in emphasising the majestic grandeur of the Gorge, and as the train winds along narrow ledges, over spidery bridges, through tunnels and cuttings, the scenery becomes more and more impressive, until the climax is reached at Barron Falls.

Barron Falls

When in flood, Barron Falls present an inspiring spectacle, and even in dry periods the falling of the river waters over a narrow ledge for more than 700 ft. awakens a realisation of the overwhelming forces of Nature. Seen from the train, the power of the water is not so apparent, but the visitor who braves the descent and stands below the foaming cataract will be rewarded by a sight unique in Australia.

Kuranda is less than two miles beyond the falls, and visitors who make this picturesque spot their headquarters will find them within comfortable range of a morning's walk. The route lies along the railway track to Barron Falls Station. The young and active will be repaid with magnificent vistas if they extend their explorations still further towards Cairns and view the Gorge from the lookouts provided for the purpose.

Kuranda

First impressions of Kuranda are pleasing, the railway station being embowered in a splendid array of orchids, staghorns, elkhorns, ferns, and palms. From the hotels, built on rising ground, there is a charming outlook across the smooth flowing Barron River to the crowded vegetation of the Maze. The river at this point is free of obstruction, and invites bathing in its limpid waters, but towards the source its course becomes tortuous and the scenery more rugged.

Accommodation and service of good standard are available at Kuranda, and the hotels specially cater for tourists. Here may be sampled the luscious fruits of the North, and, in season, granadillas, pineapples, and pawpaws are featured on the menus. The visitor with time at his disposal will number visits to the Gorge lookouts, and several shorter walks amongst his experiences, but even the briefest sojourn would be robbed of its attraction without the inclusion of inspections of The Maze, Fairyland, and Mr. F. P. Dodd's collection of moths, butterflies, and beetles.

The Maze is open for inspection daily, a moderate charge being made for admission and refreshments. It is a natural tropical garden, whose densely wooded slopes fall steeply to the water's edge, exciting a curiosity that is satisfied only by an inspection of the cathedral avenues of stately trees, ornamented with intricate traceries of rare and beautiful parasitic growths.

"Fairyland," another representative example of North Queensland's native jungle is less than two miles from Kuranda, the route lying along the railway line and across Barron River. A small charge is collected for admission and refreshments, and inspections may be made daily. Fairyland justifies its name with an entrancing garden, where delicate creepers mingle in riotous profusion with trees, palms, ferns, and parasitic plants as they struggle higher and higher for light and existence.

Mr. F. P. Dodd's entomological specimens have been viewed by thousands, and are widely known as a remarkable private collection. The owner, a naturalist of repute, arranges inspections daily, and a pleasant and profitable hour may be spent viewing the gorgeously coloured insects and listening to the interesting features of their life histories.



Green Island, Great Barrier Reef.



Dainton River, Cook Highway.



Johnstone River Falls, Malanda.



Lake Eacham, near Yungaburra.



Walsh Pyramid and Millaa Millaa River, near Cairns.

Jungle Avenue

Within walking distance of the hotel at Malanda or a half-hour's journey by car from Yungaburra or Atherton lies Jungle Avenue, a private reserve containing splendid examples of North Queensland timbers, and, amongst other native fauna, the rare tree-climbing kangaroo. The avenue is open on certain days of the week, a moderate charge being made for admission and guidance. The owner accompanies parties on inspections, and enhances the enjoyment of the visit with descriptive information and displays by aborigines, including feats of tree climbing and boomerang throwing.

Hypipamee Crater

The tourist interested in natural phenomena will include in his itinerary a visit to the remarkable "pipe" or crater known as Mount Hypipamee, situated within a half-day's motor journey of the Tableland tourist centres. After a pleasant trip through open country of rising elevation the route terminates in magnificent virgin forest, and the observer is suddenly confronted by an immense elliptical aperture with perpendicular walls descending from 200 ft. to 300 ft. into the earth. Possibly the pipe was the conduit of a volcano, if so, the crater was at a higher level and has disappeared by denudation of the earth's surface. It is an occurrence probably unique in Australia and of great scientific interest.

The Scenic Highway

To complete the circular tour it is necessary to travel from Atherton Tableland to Cairns via the Gillies Range Road. This scenic highway provides a fitting finale for any Hinterland tour and leaves lasting impressions of tropical luxuriance, impressive mountain ranges, and far flung valleys. The road itself is an engineering achievement and winds its sinuous course for more than 29 miles, terminating on the lowlands at Gordonvale. Few panoramas can compare with the view from Heale's Lookout at 2,000 ft., when the eye, travelling over a series of lower heights and gorges, finally rests on the towering Walsh Pyramid, one of the principal landmarks.

From Gordonvale to Cairns is but a short journey, by rail or road, and its accomplishment brings to an end what has been described by many travellers as a unique and wonderful tour.

Atherton Tableland

The tourist not pressed for time is advised to extend his tour on the Atherton Tableland. This may be done by travelling from Yungaburra to Millaa Millaa by train, thence by road to Ravenshoe, returning by rail via Herberton to Atherton, and to Cairns via the Cairns-Tableland Range Road. This circular tour provides opportunities of viewing, amongst other attractions, Millaa Millaa Falls, Tully and Millstream Falls, near Ravenshoe, and the towns of Herberton and Atherton.

The visitor who desires to extend his stay at Yungaburra may find recreation on the nine-holes golf links and walking exercise by visiting the Cathedral Tree or the crater of an extinct volcano at Mount Quincan. Atherton and Boonjee Plateau may be added to the list of motor tours for visitors at Yungaburra and Malanda, and the small but picturesque Johnstone River Falls and bathing pool, also the golf links, are adjacent to the latter township.

Atherton Plateau, rising in altitude from two to more than three thousand feet, and possessing rich volcanic soil, is a remarkably fertile area. Maize is grown in large quantities. There are still tracts of luxuriant native jungle in which flourish the many beautiful varieties of cabinet timbers now so popular in Australia and overseas. An abundant rainfall assures good pasturage on the cleared areas, and dairying is a remunerative and thriving industry.

Although in the tropics and within only two hours' journey of the low-lying and humid coastal areas where tropical fruits and the ubiquitous sugar-cane grow to perfection, Atherton Tableland produces the fruits of temperate climates, and its thermometer readings rarely pass the "eighties" even in midsummer, a fact which contributes to its increasing popularity as a recuperative and health resort.



Stony Creek Falls, Barron Gorge.



Tully Falls, near Ravenshoe.



Millstream Falls, near Ravenshoe.

Travel Service



The reader of this folder is invited to communicate with any office of the Queensland Government Tourist Bureau for further information and advice regarding the resorts mentioned herein and the best methods of visiting them. Particulars will be supplied without obligation.

The Bureau is able to plan complete tours to Cairns and the Hinterland from the Southern States or any part of Queensland, and quote inclusive costs covering transport, accommodation, side trips, and inspection fees. This service is provided without extra cost to the tourist.

Although the recognised tourist season extends from May to September, North Queensland may be visited without discomfort at all times of the year except mid-summer. The round trip, with the forward journey by ship and the return journey by train, or *vice versa*, makes an attractive tour, and may be enjoyed at moderate cost.

During the winter season, when interstate steamers run to special schedules for tourists, the Queensland Government Tourist Bureau arranges inclusive escorted tours while ships wait at Cairns, and these cover all services between departure from and return to Cairns Wharf. Detailed itineraries and costs are published in the Winter Tour Programme, available at all offices of the Bureau.

Throughout the year representatives of the Bureau meet interstate vessels on arrival at Brisbane, Townsville, and Cairns, and their services are available free of cost to visitors who require advice regarding routes, accommodation, transport, and tourist attractions. Complete bookings may be made with these officers.

Hotel accommodation in North Queensland is taxed during the winter season, and intending visitors are advised to make bookings in advance at offices of the Bureau. Most of the sights mentioned in this publication may be visited while ships wait at Cairns, but visitors who are able to spend more time in the district will be amply recompensed with a more comprehensive and less hurried tour.

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